

IF SOMEONE HAS STOLEN YOUR IDENTITY TO GET NEW CREDIT:

Call the police department and make an Identity Theft report. In Minnesota, Identity Theft becomes a crime only when any victim (person or business) suffers a monetary loss. For a police department to investigate, there must be a loss in their jurisdiction. Also, call the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline to notify them and get advice on how to proceed.

FTC ID Theft Hotline 1-877-438-4338 www.consumer.gov/idtheft

To report fraud to the FTC **other than ID Theft**, call: 1-877-382-4357

OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION:

Federal Bureau of Investigation	www.fbi.gov
Privacy Rights Clearinghouse	www.privacyrights.org
PRC - Identity Theft Resources	www.privacyrights.org/identity.htm
Internet Fraud Complaint Center	www.ifccfbi.gov
NWCCC Website	www.nw3c.org
W3C Web Security	www.w3.org/Security
Fraud Defense Network	www.frauddefense.com
SCAMWATCH	www.scamwatch.com

To remove your identity from the Internet - a deletion form is at www.lexis-nexis.com

OTHER PHONE RESOURCES FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION:

Federal Government Information Center (for agency phone numbers) 1-800-688-9889

What you can do to protect yourself and your family from being victimized again:

- ✓ Don't put your D.L. # on your checks. This makes it easy to get a false ID made.
- ✓ Keep all credit card receipts safe. Many criminals use numbers off receipts to defraud.
- ✓ Shred credit card offers you get in the mail. Thieves steal mail and trash to get these.
- ✓ NEVER give your card # out to someone calling you. Make charges only when **you** call, and remember, Card Fraud Investigators will never call and ask for your # and expiration date.

THE GOOD NEWS:

You are NOT responsible for monetary losses. The banks and credit card companies must refund your money losses (if any), although they may hold your money while they are conducting an investigation in the case. Some can charge you up to \$ 50 per account, but most do not.